

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A test paper comprising a porous membrane having a function of separating an object that should be filtered out from a sample by filtration and carrying thereon a reagent capable of giving a color by reaction with a specified component in the sample,

wherein said porous membrane has a first layer having a surface to which a sample is supplied and a second layer having a surface at which the sample is percolated and measured,

said first layer being made of large-sized pore portions whose section density is 40% or less, with a surface of said first layer being a smooth surface having apertures thereat, said second layer being made of small-sized pore portions whose section density exceeds 40%, with a surface of said second layer having apertures thereat,

wherein said apertures of said first layer and said apertures of said second layer are continuous apertures, and

wherein said porous membrane has a thickness of 50 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  and a porosity of 60 to 95%, said first layer has an average pore size of 0.5 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in the surface thereof, and said first layer is located from the surface of said first layer within a range of 1/5 to 1/2 of a thickness of said porous membrane, and said second layer has an average pore size of 0.1 to 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in the surface thereof, and

said second layer has a surface glossiness according to JIS Z8741 not higher than 11.

Claims 2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The test paper according to Claim 1, wherein a material for said porous membrane is made of polyether sulfone.

5. (Original) The test paper according to Claim 1, wherein said sample is a blood and said object that should be filtered out contains blood cells.

6. (Currently Amended) A porous membrane which comprises a first layer having a surface and a second layer having another surface,

wherein said first layer is made of large-sized pore portions whose section density is 40% or less, with a surface of said first layer being a smooth surface having apertures thereat, said second layer is made of small-sized pore portions whose section density exceeds 40%, with a surface of the second layer having apertures thereat,

wherein said apertures of said first layer and said apertures of said second layer are continuous apertures, and

wherein a membrane thickness ranges from 50 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , a porosity ranges from 60 to 95%, said first layer has an average pore size of 0.5 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in the surface thereof, and said first layer is located from the surface of said first layer within a range of 1/5 to 1/2 of a thickness of said porous membrane, and said

second layer has an average pore size of 0.1 to 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in the surface thereof, and said second layer has a surface glossiness according to JIS Z8741 not higher than 11.

7. (Previously Presented) The porous membrane according to Claim 6, wherein a ratio between the average pore size in the surface of said first layer and the average pore size in the surface of said second layer is in the range of 1 to 6.

Claims 8. – 9. (Canceled)